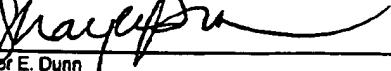


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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 9, 2004. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal were filed on July 2, 2004, making the deadline for filing an appeal brief or a response to September 2, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination re-opening prosecution on the merits is being filed concurrently herewith. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following sheets: